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RESPONSE

This document is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 13, 2003. In view of the remarks and amendments in this response, Applicants ask the Examiner to reconsider his position regarding novelty and obviousness.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.